

HOUSE No. 152

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barbara A. L'Italien

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding spouses as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Robert P. Spellane	13th Worcester
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
James M. Murphy	4th Norfolk
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
Jay R. Kaufman	15th Middlesex
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex
Geraldo Alicea	6th Worcester

Joyce A. Spiliotis	12th Essex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex
John F. Quinn	9th Bristol
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk
Stephen R. Canessa	12th Bristol
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Brian A. Joyce	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth
Richard T. Moore	Worcester and Norfolk
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Karyn E. Polito	11th Worcester
Christopher J. Donelan	2nd Franklin
William G. Greene, Jr.	22nd Middlesex
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex
James T. Welch	6th Hampden
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REGARDING SPOUSES AS CAREGIVERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 9 of Chapter 118E is hereby amended by adding in the second sentence of the
- 2 second paragraph, after the words “requirements for Title XIX” the following new language:--
- 3 “Any program of home and community based services funded pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or
- 4 pursuant to the provisions chapter one hundred and eighteen G, in which family members are permitted to
- 5 serve as paid caregivers, shall include spouses within the definition of family member.”